



RESPECT RESILIENCE TEAMWORK

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## Newsletter ~ 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

If you read just **one book a day** to your child, they will have been read

**1,825** books by their fifth birthday.

**Every Day Counts. Every Book Counts.**

### Last Week's Attendance...

for the whole school was **93.7%**.

Most of the school reached the national average of 96%.

The class with the winning attendance was Skylarks Class  
~ but it was really close!

Children were only in school for three days last week, so  
we did not draw the name of a child with 100%  
attendance from the pot...this will restart this week.

**Owls Class Attendance for last week = 86.4%**

**Woodpeckers Class Attendance for last week =  
90.4%**

**Swallows Class Attendance for last week = 89.4%**

**Swifts Class Attendance for last week = 96%**

**Robins Class Attendance for last week = 96.9%**

**Blackbirds Class Attendance for last week = 87.9%**

**Skylarks Class Attendance for last week = 98.9%**

**Kestrels Class Attendance for last week = 98.8%**

**Hérons Class Attendance for last week = 96.9%**

The national average for attendance is **96%**; if a child  
isn't at school this **will** negatively affect their academic  
progress and their relationships with other children.

One child who has achieved 100% attendance each week will  
win a £5.00 gift card.

One child who has achieved 100% attendance each half-term  
will win a £10 gift card.

At the end of the school year, one child with 100% attendance

### Our Stars of the Week

**Owl Class Stars** = Evan Williams and Isla Randall;

**Woodpecker Class Stars** = Oliver Parlour and  
Rebekkah Lewis;

**Swallows Class Stars** = Scarlett Clark and  
Marnie Sutherland;

**Swifts Class Stars** = Antek Lach and Jada Saltzer;

**Robins Class Stars** = Oscar Parlour and  
Fletcher Brook;

**Blackbirds Class Stars** = Lacey Royal and  
Scarlett Wardley-Mitson;

**Skylarks Class Stars** = Angelika Maciuszek and  
Finley Crane;

**Kestrels Class Stars** = Keira Brooks and  
Luca Glasgow;

**Hérons Class Stars** = Dakota Kotynia and  
Mercedes Buck.

Star of the Week certificates are awarded for  
exemplifying our Core Values (Respect, Resilience and  
Teamwork) and for showing excellent Behaviours for  
Learning.



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### Message from Miss McCarthy:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

*I hope that you and your nearest and dearest all managed to have a lovely time over the Christmas break. I know that there has been a lot of illness around...a number of our staff were and are ill and I'm sure that this has been the case across our community; between staff absence through illness and a couple of vacancies we are currently trying to recruit to we have been operating with over 20% of our staff missing since the beginning of term...today this figure has been 23%. I need to say a big THANK YOU to Team Glade ~ school has felt settled and calm, with lots of smiling faces and this is in large part due to their fantastic care for our children and all of their hard work.*

*The weather has either been quite cold, or wet recently...please make sure that your children come to school dressed appropriately for school and P.E. Do remember that we are continuing to ensure that the building is well-ventilated in line with our Covid risk assessment; if you would like to send in additional layers of clothing you are still most welcome to. KS2 Classes are due to come into school for 8.50am each morning; most children are lined up before this time and whilst the weather is wet and cold we have been bringing them in early on a regular basis. Please do not worry if your child arrives and their class has already gone in, we do not lock the gates until 8.51am and anyone arriving before this time is not late. If you arrive after 8.51am and the gates have been shut then the normal procedure for late arrivals is to enter through the office please.*

*We are currently busy planning some remote events across the school:*

- *Information about phonics and reading in Owls Class,*
- *Information about phonics, reading and the upcoming Key Stage One SATs for Woodpeckers, Swallows and Swifts Classes,*
- *Information about reading and maths for Robins and Blackbirds Classes,*
- *Information about reading, maths and the upcoming Key Stage Two SATs for Skylarks, Kestrels and Herons Classes.*

*Our Parents' Evenings, booked for the second half of this term, are again likely to be remote (using Microsoft Teams). Please keep your eyes open for information about upcoming events as we start to publicise these on Class Dojo and through our fortnightly newsletters.*

*Many thanks for bearing with us during these difficult times ~ I know that we are all looking forward to a little more normality, hopefully sometime soon!*

*As always, many thanks for all of your encouragement and support; please don't hesitate to phone the office and speak to either Miss Airdrie or Mrs. Prior if you have any worries or concerns ~ if necessary they will then inform the appropriate member of staff.*

*Once again, a huge thank you to everyone continuing to support Team Glade with all of our efforts to keep everyone as safe as we can.*

All best wishes,

Miss M 😊



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*At the end of this month we will be appointing class representatives for the new Glade School Council. One person from each class in Years 1 to 6 will be chosen. The appointed person will be elected by their classmates through a democratic vote.*

*If your child would like to be a candidate for School Council they should write a short piece to present to their class, saying why they want to be a school councillor and why people should vote for them.*

*Class elections will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022.*

*We look forward to running the elections and listening to the candidates.*

*We will let you know who our new school councillors are, when the results are in!*

*A huge THANK YOU goes to the current class representatives. They have done a great job as school councillors and have been an absolute pleasure to work with.*

*Thank you Simao, Keira, Evie, Luke, Emilija, Anthony, Martha and Ada!*

*Mrs Wilderspin*



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*A big thank you to all those who donated to*

***Save The Children***

*on Christmas Jumper Day at Glade.*

***As a school we raised a total of £169.61***

*This money, along with other donations from across the UK will help transform the futures of children in Great Britain and around the world.*

***Message from Miss Harrison (Glade's P.E. Lead):***

*Just a quick reminder about PE at Glade and our expectations around this.*

*Each pupil has two lessons of PE a week. PE kits are expected to be in school every Monday morning and should be left in school until the Friday.*

*Indoor kit is shorts and a T-shirt, whilst jogging bottoms and jumpers can be worn outside. Long hair **must** be tied back and earrings must be removed or taped up for each lesson (adults in school are not allowed to do this or assist with this).*

*If your child takes part in an extra-curricular club the above PE kit should be worn. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to message me on Class Dojo.*

*Many thanks,*

*Miss Harrison*



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## *Dates for your Diaries:*

### **January 2022:**

### **February 2022:**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February: Spring half-term holiday.

### **March 2022:**

### **April 2022:**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Holiday.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April: Staff Training Day (no children in school).

### **May 2022:**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May: May Day Bank Holiday (school is closed).

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Summer half-term holiday.

### **June 2022:**

### **July 2022:**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July to Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August: Summer Holiday.

### **September 2022:**

Thursday and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September: Staff Training Days (no children in school).

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September: Children start back at school.



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### *The Importance of Reading:*

*As you know, we are continuing to focus on reading and highlighting the importance of this across the school and our community...reading for information and reading for pleasure. Reading both fiction and non-fiction texts plays a key role in helping our children to learn and make progress and to be successful as adults in the world of work; for many of us reading also plays a key role in supporting our emotional well-being, as children, and as adults.*

*We will be including some quotes and important messages within each of our future fortnightly newsletters.*

**"If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales."**

- Albert Einstein

